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Pot policy in the works

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local businesses concerned over medical marijuana in the workplace



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's Chamber of Commerce is developing a policy to deal with medical marijuana in the workplace as concerns mount among employers and workers.

Some workers have spoken out to say they've been treated unfairly at work because of their prescription to the substance, and last week Canada's biggest law firm named medical pot as one of 2017's Top 10 business risks.

"We are in the process right now of talking to experts and formulating some recommendations to put forward," said Janet Riopel, the Chamber's president and CEO. "We're trying to work on this as quickly as possible."

Riopel said Edmonton business owners have told her they are worried about workplace safety and how to deal with employees who might be impaired from

using medical pot.

She said the federal task force recommendations on marijuana legalization did not address workplace safety to the extent she had hoped, leaving many policy decisions up to individual businesses and groups like the chamber of commerce.

One of their chief concerns is the lack of a test to reliably determine intoxication levels.

"Many see marijuana as incompatible with working in a safety sensitive workplace," Riopel said.

"This is what we're hearing from our members — employer rights, employee rights, and how to ensure that we can provide the kind of input that's needed to make sure that worker and workplace safety are not compromised."

She expects a framework to be completed early this year.

Law firm Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) included medical marijuana in its Top 10 Legal Risks for Business in 2017 report last week, and BLG Duncan Marsden said it will be especially tricky for jobs using heavy machinery.

"This is obviously concerning for employers on a number of levels," Marsden said. "There are serious issues with dealing with medical marijuana, both from a human rights and a privacy perspective."



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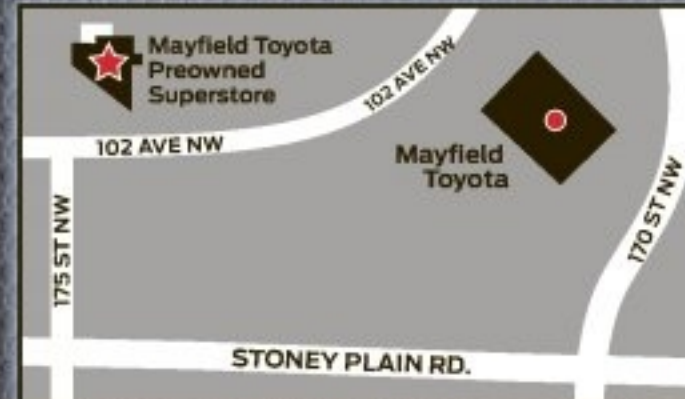
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DOWNTOWN

Fines, tickets questioned as lots in Quarters found illegal



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Have you been sued for not paying a parking ticket on a downtown lot that's operating illegally? One Edmonton lawyer says you'll have more ammo in your defence case.

That's even if you're sued, according to Ryan Henriques, a lawyer with Prowse Chowne LLP.

"I've never personally seen it," Henriques said. "Unless you have hundreds of dollars of unpaid parking tickets, I'd say the chances of them suing you are slim to none."

As illegal downtown parking lots come into focus — only one

surface lot in the Quarters is operating legally — Metro asked Henriques if companies, like Impark, could stand a legal challenge, such as not paying a ticket because the lot is operating illegally.

"I don't know the answer to that question off the top of my head," he said. "But let's say I get a \$60 ticket from Impark, and they decide to sue me over it — I would raise that as a defence and say they don't have permits."

Illegal parking lots are spaces that don't have proper zoning or permits to operate.

But 'tickets' issued by private companies aren't even tickets — they're invoices, Henriques said.

So, whether or not the lot is legally or illegally operating, you can toss the ticket in the trash.

"It's not a fine," he said. "At the end of the day, if they wanted you to pay it, they would have to sue you."

So why isn't the city hammering the private landowners operating these illegal surface lots?

It's a lot of work and takes resources, officials told Metro.

Mary Ann Debrinski, director of urban renewal with city administration, told Metro last

Getting towed

Of course, if you push your luck too much on the illegal lots, your car might get towed.

Lack of clarity

If you receive a fine from the illegal parking lot owner, do you have to pay? At least one lawyer isn't so sure.

Too few permits

Only one of the many surface parking lots in the Quarters downtown has a permit to operate.

Ticket time limit

If you park there but stay too long or don't pay, you can receive a 'ticket' from the lot's private owner.

City abstains

The city says it doesn't get involved in these disputes — it's an issue between private company and private consumer, they say.

THE ILLEGAL PARKING CONUNDRUM

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week the city is working on a new surface lot strategy, which will be outlined in a few months.

"I really, really want to see high-rise development (in the Quarters)," she said. "We're

working on it. We could go in there in full

force and blast all those cars out of there. It would be a lot of effort, but we have

to be cognizant of the economy." She said it's also not the city's business to deal with such legal spats because they involve private companies and citizens who park on private land.

Metro reached out to parking company Impark for comment but officials did not return phone calls.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Removal of sand for icy walkways a hazard: Advocate



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A pedestrian advocate says the city's decision to remove dozens of sand boxes from community centres has created a safety hazard.

Last winter, more than 100 of the boxes were available throughout the city, where anyone could load up on free sand to spread on their icy walkways.

Paths for People Chair Conrad Norbert said their removal is not worth the savings, which officials peg at \$300,000.

"If we spend \$300,000 to put the sand out, I have a feeling that it would save much more than that in preventable injuries," Norbert said.

This year, the city is only offering the sand boxes at five road-way maintenance yards — a decision made during 2015 budget deliberations.

Norbert, who personally took advantage of the free sand in previous winters, said the move is "a symptom of a city administration that is deeply biased in favour of the automobile."

"It seems like every step that they make towards a more walkable, bike-able Edmonton, they sometimes take two steps back by making decisions like this."

Norbert worries the move will lead to even fewer people keeping their front sidewalks safe — a responsibility that falls on homeowners in Edmonton, unlike some winter cities like Winnipeg.

"Where I live in Strathcona, you go for a walk and maybe

two-thirds of the houses have done it, so 10-30% of the sidewalk you're walking on is not shoveled," he said.

"Having free sand available was just a small incentive to help people and encourage them to fulfill what the city has shifted onto them."

Traffic safety spokesperson Gary Dyck said minimal resources will be required to fill up the boxes at maintenance yards spread out across the city.

"By having sand in all the districts across the city, we are still making sure that it is available to those who need it, no matter where they live," Dyck said in an emailed statement.

The city will still offer sandboxes to community leagues if they wish to manage the boxes themselves.

IN BRIEF

Wildrose takes aim at Kenney's quest for 'power'

The gloves came off at Alberta's Progressive Conservative leadership debate Sunday, with three candidates telling former Conservative MP Jason Kenney his plan to unite with the right-leaning Wildrose is cynical and shortsighted folly. PC legislature member Richard Starke referred to Kenney as "the career politician" and said political parties have to be about principles and not simply "a quest for power." Kenney is the only one of the four candidates running on a platform to dissolve the party and seek a merger with the fellow right-centre Wildrose. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paths for People Chair Conrad Norbert says the city's removal of sand boxes is creating a safety hazard. METRO FILE

TRANSIT

LRT'S digital signage working, nine months later

At long last, the LRT's digital arrival signs are operational, nine months after going dark.

The signs, which tell people when the next train will arrive, have been undergoing testing during off-peak hours, and were turned on for the commuter rush for the first time Friday morning, Deputy City Manager Adam Laughlin said.

"We're going to test this week, over the weekend and

hopefully this stays in place," he said.

The signs were turned off last April after they'd started to show the wrong information, which city officials chalked up to a software problem.

The Metro line extension came with a new PA and sign system for both the Metro and the Capital line, but the new software clashed with the old, Laughlin said.

He said the issue was the result of "the complexity associated with different types of software and making sure one maps to the other."

"We had some gaps that we discovered," he added.

The problem was made worse by issues with the Metro line, which made it harder to track the location of trains.

But despite assurances from officials back in June



The LRT's signs were back online Friday. ALEX BOYD/METRO

that the signs would be operational again "as soon as

possible," they've remained dark ever since, leaving riders to wonder when the next train would arrive.

Coleen Dzuda, normally a bus rider, was waiting for the LRT at Churchill Station Friday afternoon for the first time.

"This is more helpful," she said, gesturing to the sign overhead.

"It tells you which train is coming next, so you don't

find yourself getting onto the wrong train."

"And if you do have to wait, you know exactly the amount of time. It's not like you're guessing."

As for the Metro line itself, Laughlin called the signs a "positive step" that shows the city is making progress on the bigger issues, but getting the line up to speed remains "a work in progress."

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"This has a lot more open feel than the castle had last year."

Ryan Davis

It's the second year in a row for the dramatic attractions.

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Ice castle is back again

ENTERTAINMENT

Owners proud to say it's bigger, better and colder

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

It's back, it's bigger, and hopefully, the cold weather means this year's Ice Castle in Hawrelak Park will last longer than ever.

This year's design has an almost two acre footprint, making it almost double last year's, according to Ryan Davis, one of the owners of Utah-based Ice Castles.

"It's also taller than it's been in the past, so it's a pretty good size undertaking," he said. "We do the design different every year and every year is completely new and unique."

Visitors this year will see frozen features brought back from last year — the double slide, the maze section and thrones fit for Elsa and Anna

— but now there's more space.

"This has a lot more open feel than the castle had last year, that's the biggest thing," he said.

Unseasonably warm weather last winter left the castle with a slightly melt-y look by February, and ultimately forced it to close earlier than planned, but this year the ice builders are facing the opposite problem, Davis said.

"Weather is such a finicky thing, there's a happy medium between -5 and -10 C that's just great, but this year has spent a lot of time below that," he said, adding that it's hard to build as quickly when it's cold. "Whether it's too warm or too cold there are challenges," he said, "but if we had to choose between the two we'd probably choose too cold."

Last year the Edmonton castle was the company's first move into Canada and Davis said visits were "off the charts."

Despite the cold, he said it's still been above average this year.

"We love Canada, it's been great," he said. "We've really enjoyed being there."

HIV law hitting women harder

HEALTH

Advocates highlight issues in criminalizing non-disclosure

There is a question that Saara Greene says comes up early when she speaks with HIV-positive women: "Would I get charged if I was raped?"

Greene, an associate professor of social work at McMaster University, said she and her team of community-based researchers hear this often during workshops with women about the criminalization of HIV non-disclosure.

That scenario has not happened, and would be unlikely, but Greene said she and her team hear it time and again as women who live with the virus explore how it impacts their everyday lives.

She said it highlights how the current regime surrounding the disclosure of HIV status can have



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The number of women charged for offences related to HIV non-disclosure in Canada since 1989.

a different — and sometimes bigger — impact on women than it does on men.

"The law, because it is blunt, wouldn't contextualize experiences of violence against women and the barriers that women experience in violent relationships to either disclosing, or feeling like they could even get involved with someone," said Greene.

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that the consent someone gives to sexual activity can be considered null and void

if a partner fails to disclose, or lies about, his or her HIV status.

That can lead to a charge of aggravated sexual assault — the most common charge, although there have been others — so long as the sexual contact has either transmitted the virus to the complainant or put them at significant risk of contracting it.

The Supreme Court has said that someone who is HIV positive must disclose unless he — or she — used a condom.

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DRUNK DRIVING

Harsher sentences called into question

Experts are questioning whether a recent trend toward stiffer sentences for those who kill someone while drinking and driving are doing much to solve the problem.

Earlier this week, an Ontario judge acknowledged that recent high-profile decisions have established new precedents for the sorts of sentences drunk drivers can face if they cause a death.

Justice Cary Boswell referenced several examples, in-

cluding the 10-year sentence handed down to Marco Muzzo after he killed three children and their grandfather while intoxicated. He then continued the trend by sentencing Marcello Fracassi to six years behind bars for fatally striking a city worker.

Experts agree that judges have been handing down harsher sentences, saying only B.C. appears to be bucking the national trend. But they also say the tougher sentences fail in

their stated aims of deterring drunk drivers.

Andrew Murie, chief executive of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, said motorists are more deterred by the possibility of getting caught, not the consequences of a hypothetical tragedy.

"It's not a deterrent," Murie said. "It never has been, it never will."

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) said drunk driving has consistently ac-

counted for nearly a third of deaths on Canada's roads for years.

TIRF Research Associate Steve Brown pointed to a number of proven deterrents that have emerged, including graduated licensing programs with zero tolerance for alcohol on young drivers and administrative suspension powers accorded to the provinces.

But he shares Murie's views that stiff penalties are not a driving factor. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alberta has a program in the works that aims to improve pipeline monitoring by enlisting indigenous people in the effort. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Indigenous voices on pipelines

FIRST NATIONS

Alberta's program aims to improve spill response

A new program in the works at Alberta's research and development agency aims to improve pipeline monitoring and spill response by enlisting more indigenous people.

Hundreds of thousands of kilometres of oil and gas pipes criss-cross the province, many in remote areas near the homes of First Nations and Metis people.

Ecologist Shauna-Lee Chai is hoping to get some traction for a feasibility study in the coming months into indigenous monitoring.

"We thought that this made perfect sense just because indigenous people have strong ties to the land," said Chai, who is with InnoTech Alberta, a subsidiary of the Crown corporation Alberta Innovates.

"They're often boots on the ground. They spend a good part of their day, many of them, practising their traditional rites: hunting, fishing, collecting berries and medicines."

InnoTech expects the first phase of a feasibility study would include reviews of

existing industry practices and training programs, the design of a "pipeline monitoring 101" program and a market survey to determine job potential for trainees.

The next phase could involve training 10 to 15 indigenous people from at least three communities.

"If we could reduce the response time in people finding these leaks and affecting some sort of first response, I think that would go a far way," said Chai, who added participants could be taught to use drones or sniffer dogs to help detect pipeline problems.

Ron Mistafa, a dog trainer who spent several years in the Calgary police K-9 unit, said Chai approached him about getting involved in the nascent project.

"There's enough work and enough pipeline, especially old pipelines, to keep everybody busy," said Mistafa, head of Detector Dog Services International.

Byron Bates, a councillor with the Fort McMurray #468 First Nation, said getting indigenous people more involved sounds like a good idea.

"If this is land that their families have lived on for thousands of years, they know the land better than anybody," he said.

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Warren vs. Trump

U.S. POLITICS

President-elect's top Democratic foil embracing the fight

Donald Trump's election has propelled Sen. Elizabeth Warren into an even sharper partisan spotlight as she embraces her role as a top Democratic foil to the Republican president-elect.

In just the past few weeks, Warren has penned a scathing 16-page critique of Trump's nominee for education secretary, Betsy DeVos; grilled his pick for housing secretary, Ben Carson; co-sponsored legislation requiring the president and vice-president to disclose and divest any potential financial conflicts of interest; and signed onto legislation to block the creation of a federal religious registry.

The Massachusetts Democrat is leaning on every lever of power she has — from her fundraising prowess to her social media accounts — to position herself as a leading voice of a party in political exile.

"My priorities haven't changed since the day I got into



Sen. Elizabeth Warren has pushed back against several of President-elect Donald Trump's decisions in just the past few weeks. GETTY IMAGES; THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

office," Warren said.

"I see my job as making sure the voices of ordinary people aren't drowned out in Washington by those who have money and power."

Her list of grievances with Trump is long and growing longer.

But in a shift from the campaign, when Warren lobbed Twitter grenade after Twitter grenade to get under Trump's skin, she says her criticism is now more focused on her top priority: the economic well-being of middle- and working-class families.

She has excoriated Trump's

pick for Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, saying he profited from the foreclosure crisis; called out Trump's Department of Labor nominee, fast food entrepreneur Andrew Puzder, after hearing from workers who said they were underpaid, had their wages stolen, and were forced to work in unsafe conditions; and vowed to fight to protect President Barack Obama's health-care law and preserve the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which she helped create.

"The Republicans have put us on the path to repealing the ACA (Affordable Care Act), and

that will make a profound difference in the lives of millions of Americans," Warren said. "I'm all for making the ACA better, but not for throwing it out. What the Republicans are doing is irresponsible and cruel."

Warren won't say whether she is prepping for a possible 2020 run for president, although she has announced plans to run for re-election in 2018, making the case for a second term in part by again pointing to "Donald Trump and his team of billionaires, bigots, and Wall Street bankers" in an email to supporters.

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A roundup of other news about the president-elect

Outgoing CIA chief rips into Trump on Russia threat

The outgoing CIA director charged on Sunday that Donald Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

Kremlin counts days to inauguration, blasts Obama

With eager anticipation, the Kremlin is counting the days to Donald Trump's inauguration and venting its anger at Barack Obama's outgoing administration, no holds barred.

Russian officials dropped all decorum after Obama hit Moscow with more sanctions in his final weeks in office, calling Obama's team a "bunch of geopolitical losers."

Thousands rally to resist health law repeal drive

Thousands of people showed up in freezing temperatures on Sunday in Michigan to hear Sen. Bernie Sanders denounce Republican efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, one of dozens of rallies Democrats staged across the country to highlight opposition.

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White House media corps could be relocated

Routine media access to the White House could be a thing of the past under Donald Trump's presidency, with top officials of the incoming administration saying Sunday that they're exploring more spacious options nearby.

The news, first reported Sunday, raised alarms that it was the end to the longstanding tradition of daily press briefings in the White House.

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EUROPE

Train sets off a crisis in Balkans

A Serbian train halted at the border with Kosovo and bearing signs reading "Kosovo is Serbian," has fuelled a major crisis in the Balkans and escalated a potential Russia-West row over dominance in the heart of the war-torn region.

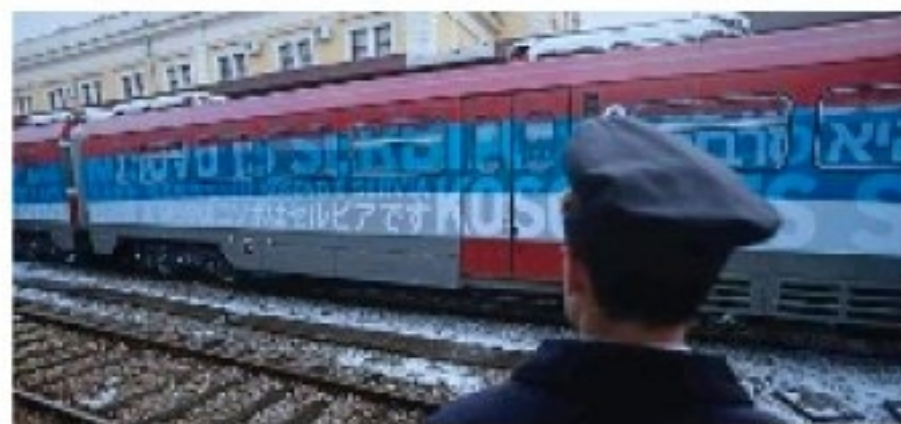
Serbia accused Kosovo's leaders on Sunday of "wanting war" and warned that it would defend "every inch" of its territory, a day after the train, provocatively decorated in Serbian Christian Orthodox symbols and flags, was prevented from entering the neighbouring nation.

Kosovo, supported by much of the West, declared independence from Serbia in 2008. But, Serbia and its Slavic Orthodox

ally, Russia, do not recognize the split.

Serbia has sought to maintain influence in Kosovo's north, where most of the country's Serb minority lives. NATO-led troops have controlled Kosovo's borders since a three-month air war in 1999 to stop a bloody Serbian crackdown against ethnic Albanian separatists.

Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic issued the warning Sunday after the passenger train, inscribed with "Kosovo is Serbian" in 20 languages and painted in the colours of the Serbian flag, was prevented from crossing into Kosovo, where his government contends ethnic Serbs are under threat from Kosovo Albanians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A railroad worker stands by a train decorated with letters that read "Kosovo is Serbian" in twenty languages at Belgrade's railway station, Serbia, on Saturday. DARKO VOJNOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In turbulent times, some people take a stand. This week, Metro is dedicating this page to activism in a testament to those who are willing to act, and not just talk, when it's needed the most.

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THE QUESTION How do I tell my friends that they're wrong to disparage the Women's March in Washington?

Dear Ellen,
When I heard about the Women's March in Washington on January 21, I immediately signed up and thought all my friends would too. But some of them think it's a silly idea. How do I politely tell them they're wrong, and that all people should be mobilizing for women's rights?

Maddie

Dear Maddie,
Indeed. I'm constantly shocked when people I'm close to don't agree with my point of view. I feel the world would be a much better place if everyone thought and acted as I did — though I admit there would be less fine cooking and probably way too many people cutting their own hair.

I too signed up for the women's march the second I heard about it. And even if going to Washington isn't feasible, or affordable, for some, I figured every reasonable, decent person I knew would want to support the march, or join a local event in support of it, or at least "like" the effort on Facebook.

Nope. Not only did some friends reject the idea, my best friend from Grade 1, who moved to the U.S. years ago, told me on Facebook that she voted for Trump.

Before the election, I would've argued with her, or

at least cut her off. Since the election, I've reconsidered my approach. I'm not as smug as I used to be. I'm really sick of angry divisiveness. Instead of clobbering people with my superior beliefs, or acridly mocking theirs, I figure it's time to stop talking and start acting in a way that might do some good in the world.

So while I don't understand how my otherwise reasonable, decent American friend could support such an unreasonable, indecent candidate, I'm ready to listen to her reasons if she

ever wants to discuss them with me.

In the meantime, I'll march in Washington this Saturday — not as an act of dissent or display of anger. But in an effort to promote the values that so many people before us have fought and too often died for.

I'll march to draw attention to the "women's" issues that actually affect men. As former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan once pointed out, gender equality is good for men and women: "Families

are healthier, they are better fed, their income, savings and reinvestment go up."

I'll march as a role model so girls and boys can see people standing up for what they believe in in a democratic society.

I'll march because this event isn't just about sexism; it's also about the damage our patriarchy does to people of colour, and to individuals who are gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled.

I'll march as a message to the Trump knock-offs in Canada who are currently vying to lead the Conservative Party. I won't give them any free ink by naming them here.

So, Maddie, don't worry about friends who don't understand. Those of us who do march will help spread a message of strength and hope for women, men and children of every stripe, everywhere.



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VICKY MOCHAMA

In case of apathy, open this box

When George Zimmerman was found not guilty of the murder of Trayvon Martin, I was furious. Not at the verdict but at the people around me. (The verdict seemed oddly foretold; black people's weariness and skepticism of the justice system isn't a matter of cultural indifference but of evidence-based policy.)

The people around me at the time — most of them white — were silent and remained so while I embarked on a reckoning. Twitter, where I had been following the trial, became my classroom. Black people became my teachers. Black women, especially, gave colour and context to experiences I had dealt with my whole life.

But my white friends — smart, kind, humane people — had been left behind. Which is why I was intrigued by the premise of Safety Pin Box. Created by two Black Lives Matter activists from Seattle, Safety Pin Box is a monthly subscription service that is trying to develop true allies out of white people. Building on the idea that safety pins could be worn as symbols of safety and allyship, the company wants to turn away from symbolic gestures and towards real actions toward cultural change.

I spoke to Marissa Johnson, one of the company's founders. "It's not policy that drives social change," she said. "It's culture. What we're really

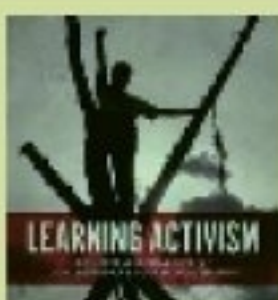
trying to do is change the culture and change the social norms around white."

The company's creators have taken from their activism — Johnson once disrupted a Bernie Sanders speech to speak out against police brutality — and woven it into the fabric of Safety Pin box.

Each month, subscribers receive a series of tasks and questions designed around a theme related to black political life. One example Johnson gave was of an elderly black woman. By asking questions — "Where are older black women in your community? Where do they spend time?" — they highlighted an often overlooked contingent of the black activist community. As a result, Johnson said one subscriber, an Uber driver, now offered free rides to elderly black women when he could.

Safety Pin box isn't the only company to form around activist ideas. Noir Reads is a recently launched subscription service that delivers books by black authors from across the globe. Signalling one's politics for a profit isn't revolutionary: let she who did not wear a Che Guevara shirt throughout high school cast the first stone. But to do so in a way that deepens and continues the fight for radical change is.

As Johnson says, "White guilt is good when it motivates you to do better."



FIELD GUIDE An activist needs an active mind

Social movements involve action but also learning and study. In his book *Learning Activism*, Prof. Aziz Choudry of McGill University argues intellectual work in social movements is underappreciated, and that anyone who wants to fight for change needs to first find "access to what others have learned, in the past, or elsewhere, from a different positioning in society."

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Reel politics of horror movies

CULTURE

Best genre films made in time of social upheaval

Chris Alexander
For Metro Canada



There are a great number of human beings on the face of this planet who are dreading Jan. 20. For them, the day represents an affirmation that, despite the progress we've made globally as a civilization, a certain kind of regressive thinking has trumped all. On Inauguration Day, an allegedly sexist, xenophobic, socially volatile Twitter bully becomes the leader of the free world.

While you cannot rightly predict the future, a majority of those in the arts are aghast at what may come. The good news: when creative-types are afraid, their juices start-a-flowing. And, if said types just happen to make horror movies, well, buckle up, suckers! Horror history has proven the greatest and most influential movies in the genre sprout up when there is social and political unrest.

Rise of Hitler

During the early days of cinema in Germany, when filmmakers were inventing a sort of style later dubbed "expressionist," they were mirroring their anxieties over the rise of **Adolph Hitler** and his Nazi Party, which he became leader of in 1921. One of the most influential films from this period was F.W. Murnau's nightmarish adaptation of *Dracula*, 1922's *Nosferatu*, which features the dreaded Count Orlock (Max Shreck) bringing death, misery and rat-spread plague to an unsuspecting people. Whether intentional or not, the vampire exemplifies the coming of evil and how powerless society felt to stop its rise.



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Today's anxieties

B-Movie legend Roger Corman has just released the film *Death Race 2050*, a violent, satirical sequel to his equally outrageous 1975 cult favourite *Death Race 2000*. Both films depict a blood-hungry, disenfranchised America addicted to a car-racing game show that sees its WWE-esque driver/gladiators mowing down the weakest pedestrians for extra points and audience enthusiasm.

"I felt the time was right for another *Death Race*," 90-year-old Corman said about the film, which features a Donald Trump-esque dictator (played by a comb-over sporting Malcolm McDowell) lording over the country, now called The United Corporations of America. "I am worried about what is happening now, let's put it that way. But I believe in the Constitution. I believe strongly that the values of the American Constitution will prevail."

Since Corman, who has made hundreds of movies over the past 60 years, has seen numerous governments and politicians rise and fall, we are cautiously optimistic he's right.

No matter what happens, many film fans are intrigued to see the inevitable wave of confrontational and reflective horror films to come — like Jordan Peele's race-based shocker *Get Out*, in which a young black man becomes trapped in a secret white suburb that turns its African American residents into mindless, grinning drones; or the socio-political zombie movie *The Girl With All the Gifts*, wherein a dying world under siege by a fungal zombie plague uses its infected children as test subjects and worse; and the health-care allegory *A Cure For Wellness*, in which a sinister high-end spa keeps its patients deathly sick so that they'll never, ever leave. The world may be going mad, but macabre moviemaking is alive and thriving.



Roger Corman



World War II

While Hitler was taking over Europe in the 1930s, many of the key expressionist filmmakers in Germany fled to Hollywood, where they were hired to make the first wave of American horror films. They included cinematographer Karl Freund who would direct such essential films as 1932's *The Mummy* (the likes of which will see a remake released this year). Though more romantic in nature, the monster movies of the 1930s tapped into the unease of a country that feared that transformation was coming, that the Frankenstein monster was a First World War-defeated Germany rising to get revenge.



Post War

As the Second World War progressed, the supernatural horror film gave birth to the morally ambiguous and wildly cynical films of the "noir" subgenre, in which human monsters were a far more urgent threat on the home front. **When the war ended with a nuclear explosion**, the Japanese gave us *Godzilla* (1954), a long-dormant, city-levelling mutant woken up by the bombing of Hiroshima. America answered with their own brand of radiated beasts, like the giant ants in 1954's *Them* and an endless spate of apocalyptic horrors that only got more savage as the Cold War raged and fears of impending nuclear holocaust became a palpable reality.



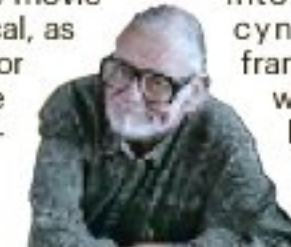
The Red Scare

With the Cold War came **Senator Joseph McCarthy's communist witch hunt** and the terror of losing one's identity. On screens were paranoid "alien invasion" movies like 1956's *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (with "pod people" de-humanizing average citizens) and later Rod Serling's influential TV series *The Twilight Zone*, which features such episodes as *The Monsters are Due on Maple Street*, where a terrified neighbourhood tears itself apart when the lights go out and their machines stop working.



Vietnam War

With the start of the Vietnam War, American families were treated to daily scenes of death and misery in their homes on the six o'clock news. The Civil Rights movement swelled too, with the lid ripped off the seething sheen of racism that lurked everywhere. Horror films answered the reflective mood. **George A. Romero's landmark 1968 horror movie *Night of the Living Dead*** had an African American hero who is killed at the climax. Though Romero claims the movie was not intentionally political, as he was driving to New York for its premiere, he turned on the radio to learn that Martin Luther King had been assassinated. Intentional or not, art was reflecting life.



'80s and '90s

Despite the ire raised by angry censors and religious groups, the slasher movies of the **Ronald Reagan-era 1980s** (like *Friday the 13th* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*) were in fact incredibly conservative. In them, young people who transgress and sneer at conservative values are cut to ribbons while only the virginal and virtuous survive. In the 1990s, with George H.W. Bush and the Gulf War, *Scream* (1996) tapped into the pulse of cynical, disenfranchised youth who were no longer so naive.



Celebs join march for women

Celebrities may be dropping out of Donald Trump's inauguration festivities faster than you can say "social media backlash," but Hollywood is turning out in force for the Women's March on Washington. Here are some notable names, and influential Canadians, who will be making their voices heard. **GENNA BUCK/METRO**



1. Katy Perry

The Firework singer, who stumped for Hillary Clinton during her campaign, declared on Twitter "SISTERS ARE DOIN' IT FOR THEMSELVES!" as she announced her plans to attend the march.

2. America Ferrera

The Superstore actress took this selfie that shows tears on her face after Trump got elected, saying she was experiencing grief and sadness.

Ferrera has since mobilized into action, once again. On Saturday she Instagrammed this poster with the caption "My brown, immigrant, vagina-having ass will be there!"

She will chair the artist table at the march in D.C. "As artists, women, and most importantly dedicated Americans, it is critical that we stand together in solidarity for the protection, dignity and rights of our communities," she said in a statement.



3. Chelsea Handler

The TV host and veteran stand-up comic will lead a sister march in Park City, Utah, one of hundreds of solidarity marches planned around the United States and the world.

4. Amy Schumer

This politically outspoken comedy darling has called Trump



a "an orange, sexual-assaulting, fake-college-starting monster" at one of her shows. She Instagrammed a photo wearing Pussyhat Project gear last week.

5. Scarlett Johansson

The Avengers actor is a long-time supporter of Planned Parenthood. She told Variety that attacks on reproductive choice from Trump and Republicans are "pretty terrifying."

CANADIANS ON THE MARCH

Francyne Joe

The head of the National Native Women's Association of Canada is speaking in Ottawa.



Béatrice Vaugrante

The general director of Amnesty International Canada will speak in Montreal.



Nasra Adem

Edmonton's Youth Poet Laureate and curator of Sister 2 Sister arts collective will share a poem in Edmonton.



Putting out a call on social media

Former Torontonians Samantha Bee is reportedly attending in D.C.; singer k.d. lang is marching in Calgary; while actor Pamela Anderson and singer Joel Plaskett have tweeted support for various marches.



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"There are certain games that you want to get up more so than others": The Warriors' Draymond Green on tonight's game in Cleveland vs. the Cavs



STEELERS RUN DOWN CHIEFS Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell is tackled along the sideline by Chiefs Daniel Sorensen, right, and Eric Berry on Sunday in Kansas City. Bell had 170 yards rushing and Chris Boswell kicked six field goals in the Steelers' 18-16 victory. They advance to play the New England Patriots. MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Patriots stay up late to chase greatness

Short nights and short off-seasons.

It's the Patriot way. New England has advanced to the AFC championship game for a record sixth year in a row and the 11th time in 16 seasons. With one more win, the Patriots (15-2) would play in their seventh Super Bowl since 2001.

But to find out who was still in their way, they had to wait until Sunday's game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Pittsburgh Steelers. That's also something they've grown accustomed to in the Bill Belichick-Tom Brady era.

"It was a long night — or a short night, however you want to look at it," Belichick told reporters on Sunday, about 13 hours after beating the Houston Texans 34-16.

"We have people on our staff that work on our next opponent, just like we always do. This one's a little tougher because we're working on two teams instead of one, but they've just worked harder and gotten it done."

Brady completed 18 of 38 passes for 287 yards and two



Tom Brady
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touchdowns in the divisional-round victory over Houston, but he also threw two interceptions — as many as he had all season.

Dion Lewis had three touchdowns — one running, one on a pass reception and a 98-yard kickoff return — but fumbled another return and helped the Texans stay in the game.

So the Patriots don't have to look too far to find things to work on this week.

"There are some things I could do a lot better on, protect the ball. I put my team in jeopardy," said Lewis, who is the first player in the Super Bowl era to score on a run, catch and kickoff in the playoffs. "We have a lot of work to do. We made a lot of mistakes. I'm glad we got a win, but in order to advance next week, we've got to play a lot better."

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Packers kick 'Boys out of post-season

NFL PLAYOFFS

Green Bay ousts Dallas on last-second field goal

Aaron Rodgers didn't need another Hail Mary this time.

Maybe just call it a "Half Mary."

Rodgers threw a 36-yard pass to a toe-dragging Jared Cook on the sideline, and Mason Crosby kicked a 51-yard field goal on the next play as time expired, sending the Packers to the NFC championship game with their eighth straight win while thwarting a Dallas rally in a 34-31 victory in the divisional round of the playoffs Sunday.

The throw on the run from Rodgers to Cook came on third-and-20 with 12 seconds left, and after the Cowboys tied the score twice in the final 4:08 after trailing by 18 in the first half and by 15 to start the fourth quarter.

"I love the opportunity to go out there and make plays," said Rodgers, who threw for two touchdowns to give him 21 during the winning streak, although he threw his first interception during the run.

"I was disappointed we had a chance there at 28-13 to go up three scores and make it really difficult for 'em and I threw a pick there on third down. We were able to come down and have two good drives toward the end of the game."

Dallas' rally was led by rookie sensations Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott in their playoff debuts, and the first two career post-season touchdown catches for star receiver Dez Bryant



Mason Crosby of the Packers kicks the game-winning field goal during an NFC divisional-round playoff game against the Cowboys on Sunday in Arlington, Texas. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

along with the first for 14th-year tight end Jason Witten.

"We're not going to stop no matter what the score is, no matter the game," Prescott said. "It shows the true character of this team."

Crosby's winner was the third field goal of more than 50 yards in the final 1:33 — two from Crosby and one from Dallas' Dan Bailey. And Crosby had to make the winner twice after Dallas coach Jason Garrett called time-out before the first attempt.

"It's kind of a blur right now," Crosby said. "When we have 35 seconds on the clock and that our offense can move the ball into field goal range and a manageable kick, that's just special."

Rodgers, who sparked last week's wild-card win over the New York Giants with another Hail Mary before halftime, is headed to an MVP showdown with Atlanta's Matt Ryan next Sunday. It will be Rodgers' third NFC title game — all on the road

for Green Bay (12-6). Prescott, whose 11-game winning streak during the regular season sent Tony Romo to the bench when he returned from a pre-season back injury, rallied the Cowboys in a way that probably made Dallas' 10-year starter proud.

The Cowboys (13-4) almost became the third team in the Super Bowl era to win in the playoffs after trailing by 15 in the fourth. The first was Dallas in 1972, when "Captain Comeback," Roger Staubach, rallied the Cowboys in San Francisco.

Instead, top-seeded Dallas ended up with its fifth straight loss in the divisional round and a 21-year drought in trips to the NFC championship game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No Pep in City's step after rout

PREMIER LEAGUE

Title bid dented for Guardiola's men as United, Liverpool draw

Pep Guardiola endured the heaviest league defeat of his coaching career as Manchester City was thrashed 4-0 by Everton in the Premier League on Sunday to plummet further out of title contention.

Two weeks after a 1-0 loss at Liverpool, City had more misery on Merseyside following goals by Romelu Lukaku, Kevin Mirallas, 18-year-old midfielder Tom Davies and 19-year-old debutant Ademola Lookman.

City has now lost three of its last four matches away, with the latest setback for Guardiola coming at the hands of a team managed by his former Barcelona

DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Chelsea	21	17-1-3	52
Tottenham	21	13-6-2	45
Liverpool	21	13-6-2	45
Arsenal	21	13-5-3	44
Man City	21	13-3-5	42
Man United	21	11-7-3	40
Everton	21	9-6-6	33
West Brom	21	8-5-8	29
Stoke City	21	7-6-8	27
Burnley	21	8-2-11	26
Bournemouth	21	7-4-10	25
West Ham	21	7-4-10	25
Sheff Wed	21	6-6-9	24
Watford	21	6-5-10	23
Leicester	21	5-6-10	21
Middlesbrough	21	4-8-9	20
Crys. Palace	21	4-4-13	16
Hull City	21	4-4-13	16
Sunderland	21	4-3-14	15
Swansea	21	4-3-14	15

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teammate, Ronald Koeman. The team had dropped out of the top four — into fifth place — following wins for Tottenham and Arsenal on Saturday, and is now 10 points behind first-placed Chelsea.

The title is looking out of reach for City now, though, just when things appeared to be looking up after a 5-0 win at West

Ham in the FA Cup last week.

In Manchester at Old Trafford, Zlatan Ibrahimovic equalized late for Manchester United to salvage a 1-1 draw against fierce rival Liverpool in a result that damaged both teams' Premier League title chances. Ibrahimovic cancelled out James Milner's 27th-minute penalty by glancing a header in off the crossbar in the 84th minute at Old Trafford.

Liverpool ended United's nine-game winning run in all competitions but dropped seven points behind first-placed Chelsea. Sixth-placed United was 12 points off the leader.

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Of course, maybe they expected better results and a defeat like this is really strong but Pep has the experience to turn it around. I don't doubt it. Everton boss Ronald Koeman



This loss means **Pep Guardiola** will now be under pressure at big spending City. GETTY IMAGES

LA LIGA

Ramos OG helps to end epic Real streak

Sevilla twice scored late — including an 85th-minute own goal by Ramos — after Cristiano Ronaldo scored the opener to end Real Madrid's 40-game unbeaten streak and move within one point of its rival atop the Spanish league with a 2-1 victory on Sunday.

Steven Jovetic then scored Sevilla's winner two minutes into injury time to give Madrid its first defeat since a 2-0 loss at Wolfsburg in April in the quarterfinals of the Champions League last season.

Sergio Ramos

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IN BRIEF

Canada's Thompson and Leman win ski cross medals

Marielle Thompson of Whistler, B.C., saved her best run for last on Sunday, winning gold in women's ski cross while Calgary's Brady Leman took silver in the men's event at the World Cup.

Thompson took an early lead in the final heat and held it all the way down the track to win the title.

Leman earned his second silver in as many days, making it his fourth podium finish of the season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vathje and Rahneva win skeleton medals for Canada

Calgary's Elisabeth Vathje and Ottawa's Mirela Rahneva won gold and bronze respectively on Sunday at a skeleton World Cup event in Winterberg, Germany.

Vathje slid to a golden time of 58.02, while Rahneva clocked-in at 58.14 for the bronze in the weather-shortened one-run race. Germany's Jacqueline Loelling was second at 58.12.

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Gold for Harvey, Valjas at cross country ski World Cup

Canadians Alex Harvey and Lenny Valjas, won gold in the team sprint on Sunday at a cross-country skiing World Cup.

Harvey, from Saint Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que., and Toronto's Valjas both played air guitar on their skis in the finish area after winning in 16 minutes 2.11 seconds.

"This feels absolutely great. Team wins are always special. To share this with Lenny and all of the wax staff is awesome," said Harvey, who has regularly been in the top 10 this year.

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Caps cruise past Philllys

Justin Williams and Matt Niskanen each scored two goals and Philipp Grubauer stopped all 24 shots he faced and the Washington Capitals extended their winning streak to nine by crushing the Philadelphia Flyers 5-0 Sunday.

The Capitals lead the NHL with 63 points and have outscored their opponents.

Despite a sluggish start, the Capitals came alive with four goals on seven shots in the first seven minutes of the third period to turn the game into a laugher.

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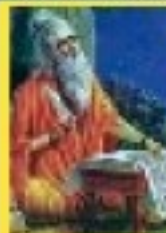
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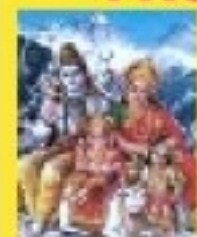


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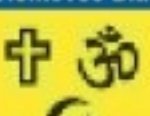
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Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

For the soup:

- 2 or 3 slices bacon
- chopped (optional)
- glug of olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 carrots, chopped small
- 2 stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 bunch cilantro, washed well, stems minced (keep leaves for salsa)
- 1 tsp cumin
- 2 19-oz cans of black beans, rinsed
- 1 litre container low sodium chicken stock
- pinch of pepper

For the Salsa:

- 1/2 ripe avocado, diced

- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 tomato diced
- handful of cilantro leaves
- 1 Tbsp of olive oil
- pinch of chili pepper, minced (add more if you want more kick)

Directions

1. In a heavy-bottomed large pot, saute bacon in a bit of olive oil over medium until they crisp. Add onion, garlic, cilantro stalks, carrots and celery and allow to soften, about 5 minutes. Add cumin and cook for another minute. Pour in rinsed beans and stock. Cover and simmer up to 40 minutes over very low heat. Stir every 5 minutes.

2. Chop up your salsa ingredients and let them sit together in a bowl to let flavours develop.

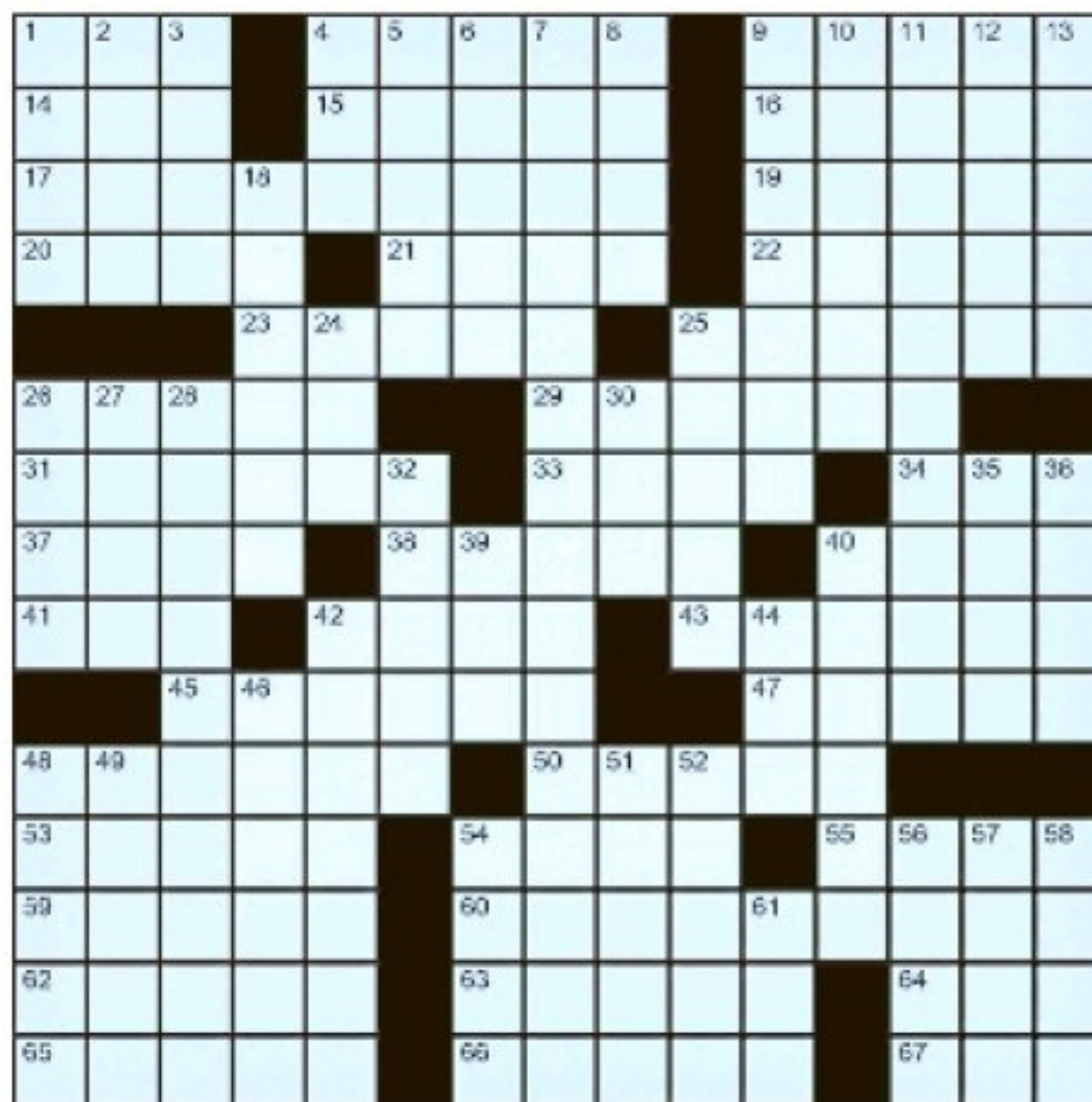
3. Take soup off heat and cool. Use a blender to puree in small batches or an immersion blender to make a puree. Season to taste. Serve plain or with plain yogurt and salsa.

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ACROSS

1. Alfred E. Neuman's magazine
4. Montrealer's 'thanks'
9. Stinging insects
14. Pres. Lincoln
15. Declares with certainty
16. Nifty neckwear
17. 'We Are Experiencing _ Difficulties'
19. Marshy tract
20. Blackthorn fruit
21. Lounge/idle
22. Veronica Lodge's father in Archie Comics
23. Hoarse
25. They're used in the prep of apple desserts
26. Someone sulking
29. "You _ Be Dancing" by The Bee Gees
31. State not attached to The States
33. Lemony
34. Aye
37. Delicate, as doilies
38. Tree _ (Forest 'chair')
40. Legendary Canuck comedy sketch series
41. 'Impress' suffix
42. CEO's "Now!"
43. Beethoven's 'Moonlight'
45. Deli sandwich ingredient
47. Ceremonies
48. Wine from Spain
50. Harped on
53. Second Cup offering
54. Shredded cab-



bage

55. Hint
59. Ancient seaport of Rome
60. Silverware maintenance chore
62. War horse
63. Barbra Streisand/Ryan O'Neal movie, "The Main _" (1979)

64. Charles Dickens: Bleak House girl
65. He met Sally in the rom-com
66. Cut orange
67. Bryan's co-singers on "All for Love", Sting and _

DOWN

1. Front hallway rugs
2. Genesis son
3. Art _ (Design style)
4. "I'm Your _" by Leonard Cohen
5. Wickednesses
6. Summary
7. Ryan Gosling ro-

8. Tropical vacation spot
9. Clunker
10. Whirling
11. Chicken
12. Like an expedition waaaaay up north

13. Bouquet 'handles'
18. Unorthodox belief
24. Sacred chest
25. Beatles business, Apple _
26. French Sudan, now
27. Antarctica's Prince _ Coast
28. One up ahead in a field of racers
30. Spotlight lover
32. Ore evaluation
35. 'Bachelor' suffix
36. Ms. Gardner's
39. Tartan-decorated topper
40. Stool pigeon
42. "Wow! That was quick!"
44. Basketball's li'l Magic city
46. More creatively crafty
48. Splash
49. " _ la vista, baby!" - The Terminator
51. As the lines in corduroy fabric
52. Southfork family on the famous prime time soap
54. Disgorge
56. Beguiler
57. Nullify
58. "Holy cow!"
61. Female saint in France [abbr.]

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be patient with others at work today, because this is a tough day for everyone. People are quick to anger, and they also are quick to be critical and gloomy.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a tough day for romance. Romantic quarrels might break out, especially about money and shared possessions. Parents must be patient with their kids.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with partners and family members are difficult today. Do your best to avoid family arguments. Put a lid on things. (You won't regret it.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a quarrelsome day, especially with siblings, relatives and neighbours. Knowing this ahead of time, you can practice patience and set the bar for everyone.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your financial scene might depress you today. Perhaps you will have an argument with someone about money or possessions, especially when having to do with your kids. Just be cool.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The main thing today is to avoid arguments with partners, close friends and family members — especially older family members. You don't need this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might be annoyed with someone today, but feel you cannot speak up. This is just as well, because everyone is argumentative today. It's not good!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Avoid quarrels with friends or members of groups today, especially about money or possessions. Let's face it — there is never enough money. That's how it works.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a poor day to get into an argument with a boss or parent, because it could turn nasty. People are easily discouraged and critical today. Take the high road.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because they will become unpleasant.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Disagreements about inheritances and shared property are likely today, especially if an old friend is involved. This is a poor day to resolve anything. Therefore, be courteous and cooperative.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Conversations with partners and close friends will disappoint you today because people are standoffish, cold and judgmental. Yikes! It happens.

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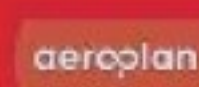
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